ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OFFICE

Thank you to all those who participated in the 2011 2nd Annual CALS Open Golf Tournament. Congratulations again to the Department of Bioprocessing, Food, and Nutrition Sciences for winning the departmental champion award. Our Ambassadors were able to raise over $6,000 to support leadership development, student conference travel, and programmatic efforts. Thank you!

Spend a Day at State and group visitation days are over with the close of the academic semester. Thank you to all who helped make each visit a success. We appreciate your support.

Information for self registration will be sent electronically to students the middle of this month. We will give them 2 weeks to work through the course planner, 2 weeks to plan their wish list in My Pack Portal, and then actual enrollment will begin (exact date still TBD by R&R).

New Student Orientation Dates Reminder: Please mark your calendars for NSO. The dates are as follows:
- Transfer students: Monday, June 27 and Monday, July 25
- Freshmen students: July 26 & 27, July 27 & 28, and July 28 & 29

If you have questions, please contact Tricia Buddin.

Fall 2011 Seminar Course led by Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler:
- Agriculture Perspectives and Opportunities
  ALS 495 – 005 (15331) and AGI 195 – 001 (29396)
- 2 semester credit hour course
- Wednesday, 3:35 -5:25 p.m.
- Seats are limited to 25 ALS and 15 AGI students

Committee on Effective Teaching & Advising

Tuesday, May 3: CALS Celebration of Teaching and Recognition of Dr. Gerry Luginbuhl Upon Her Retirement
Join the CALS Teaching and Advising Effectiveness Committee from 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. for a reception and awards program recognizing the 2010-11 CALS outstanding teachers, advisers and teaching symposium student poster winners, and CALS Honors students. The celebration will be held in the Atrium of Riddick Hall. The excitement builds as CALS award winners continue to be announced! Please contact Barbara Kirby (Barbara_kirby@ncsu.edu) if there are others that should be included.

With the announcement of her upcoming retirement, we will also recognize Dr. Gerry Luginbuhl for her outstanding 37 years of service. Please share this message with other faculty in your department.
An agenda is attached for your information.
Please take a minute to RSVP for the event. You can use your unity id to log on to the following website:
http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/cals_registration/index.cfm?eventID=579

Tuesday, May 17 and Wednesday 18: CALS Teaching Effectiveness Workshop

Event Title: CALS Teaching Effectiveness Workshop: Achieving Student Success through Innovative Teaching, Advising and Technology
The annual CALS Teaching and Advising Effectiveness Workshop features several sessions focused on Achieving Student Success over two days this year. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 and Wednesday, May 18, 2011 in 308 Ricks Hall from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Lunch is a shared cost of $5 for each participant on the second day. The Provost's office will recognize participants during this lunch event.

An agenda is attached for your information. Seating is limited so please register at:
http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/cals_registration/index.cfm?eventID=554

Summer Programs for Pre-College Students
CALS is once again offering a variety of summer programs for high school students. Currently listed on our college website are Ag-DISCOVERY, 4-H Camp and Conference Centers, Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders, Poultry Science Summer Institute, and Summer College in Biotechnology and Life Sciences (SCIBLS). If your department’s program is not listed, please contact Gerry Luginbuhl to get it included. Faculty who are interested in developing a summer course for SCIBLS should also contact Gerry Luginbuhl.

SPRING 2011 GRADUATION
TIME AND LOCATION FOR DEPARTMENTAL CEREMONIES
(Ceremonies will take place on Saturday unless it specifies on Friday)

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences - 1:30 p.m. (except for those marked with an asterisk)

*Agricultural and Resource Economics
(ABM, BBM, NRM, ESE Majors/Concentration - 1:15 p.m. ................................................................. 3400 Nelson Hall
Agricultural and Extension Education (AED, AEX) .........................................................Cary Church of Christ, 6640 Tryon Road, Cary, NC
Agricultural Science.................................................................Cary Church of Christ, 6640 Tryon Road, Cary, NC

*Agronomy, Plant and Soil Sciences, Turfgrass Science,
Crop Science, and Soil Science - 1:00 p.m. ................................................................................. 2215 Williams Hall

*Animal Science - 7:00 p.m. .................................................................................................................. McKimmon Center

Biological and Agricultural Engineering ......................................................................................... Pavilion, D. S. Weaver Laboratories

*Biology (Biological Sciences and Zoology) - 3:00 p.m. ................................................................. Reynolds Coliseum

Food Science (1:30), Bioprocessing Science (1:30) and
*Nutrition Science (2:30) .................................................................................................................. Pittman Auditorium, St. Mary’s College, 900 Hillsborough Street
*Genetics 1:00 p.m. ............................................................................................................................ Stanley G. Stephens Room, 3503 Thomas Hall
Horticultural Science .................................................................................................................... Ruby McSwain Education Center, JC Raulston Arboretum
Microbiology ........................................................................................................................................ Cinema, Witherspoon Student Center
Molecular and Structural Biochemistry ............................................................................................... Room 2, McKimmon Center
Plant Biology ........................................................................................................................................ 3712 Bostian Hall
Poultry Science ................................................................................................................................. 106 Scott Hall

Sociology and Anthropology
(Applied Sociology/Criminology) ................................................................................................. Athens Drive High School Auditorium, 1420 Athens Drive
4-H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Sciences..........................................Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 3500 Edwards Mill Road
Interdepartmental Graduate & Undergraduate Programs (Environmental Sciences,
Genomics, Natural Resources, Nutrition, Physiology)............................................................... Location of Major Faculty Advisor
MasterMinds 9 Program Celebration
On Friday, April 15th, over 70 students and employers came together to celebrate the completion of the MasterMinds 9 program. Sponsored by Biogen Idec, this nine-week program placed students into job-search teams based on their career and educational goals. Each team received support from a Change Agent Facilitator (a CALS Ambassador or staff member) and a Success Coach (an accomplished professional from the working world).

Students shared their successes with job and internship offers, graduate school admissions, and professional development. Dean Johnny Wynne attended to share in the celebration and help present certificates of completion to participants.

Get Hired!
Monday, April 18th, Career Services hosted Get Hired! This was an hour long workshop that taught undergraduate and graduate students (predominantly those planning to graduate in May) tips on how to find and secure a job after graduation. A tutorial was given to these students about ePACK which showed them how to get the most out of the system in addition to other job search methods. Thirty-seven students attended the workshop and 22 of those have signed up to go on an EPA tour. Only students that attended this workshop will have the chance to tour the EPA. The tour will inform students of jobs that are offered within the federal government and will give students a chance to meet hiring managers as well.

Job Expectations Survey
Last week there was a survey sent out to all CALS students in order to gauge student’s expectations of the job market. Questions that were asked included: “What is your expected salary after graduation?” “How long do you think it will take you to secure a job after graduation?” and “Where do you think your first job will be located?” By gaining this information, CALS Career Services will be better able to meet the needs of students and educate them on the current job market. In order to obtain a wide variety of responses, a drawing will take place with all the names of students who completed the survey. The winning student will be awarded a $50 gift card. So far there have been 1,040 responses, and the survey closes Monday, April 25th.

Resume Marathon
During the Thursday of Easter Break, students had the opportunity to call in for resume critiques with Marcy Bullock and Melissa Kahn. Students were able to sign up for a time on ePACK and uploaded their resume. This gave students who are busy during the school year a chance to have their resumes looked over before going on the job hunt after graduation or before searching for a summer internship.

Pioneer Campus Recruiting
Pioneer came to campus on Tuesday, April 12th, to meet with students and faculty about their career opportunities. Eighty students came out to talk to Pioneer professionals. Pioneer showed increased interest in hiring NC State graduates and we hope this enthusiasm continues!

Speed Networking
Speed Networking was held on April 5th from 5:30-7:30. Fifty students attended and gained insight into different career opportunities. Thirty companies were represented and had positive feedback about the professionalism CALS students possessed.
**AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE OFFICE**

Mark your calendars!

**Graduation**
The Agricultural Institute commencement ceremony will be Friday, May 13, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. To RSVP, please visit this site:

**Orientation**
Orientation for Fall 2011 has been scheduled. The Agricultural Institute dates are as follows: Thursday, July 28 – Friday, July 29, 2011 (Coordinators please mark your calendars)

Transfer Orientation:
Monday, June 27, 2011
Monday, July 25, 2011

**NORTH CAROLINA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

**Melton, Schwab tapped for Extension posts**
Dr. Tom Melton and Sheri Schwab have been named North Carolina Cooperative Extension associate directors, effective Monday April 18. Melton, who will also carry the title of deputy director, will be responsible for agriculture, natural resources and community and rural development (ANR/CRD) programs. And Schwab will be director of county operations.

**Extension, AG warn storm victims to be aware of scams**
We see the best in people in the aftermath of a disaster in offers of aid to those who have suffered losses. But we also see the worst in people in attempts to take advantage of the victims of disaster. Victims of the tornados that tore through North Carolina should be aware of scams and con artists in the aftermath of the storms. Cooperative Extension is working with the state Attorney General’s office to raise awareness among people who suffered storm damage.

**10% Campaign signs grocery store chain**
Piggly Wiggly, “America’s first” self-service grocery store, has added another first to its list: the first grocery store to pledge to buy more foods from local producers as part of its commitment to the 10% Campaign. The 10% Campaign, an effort of the Center for Environmental Farming Systems, encourages consumers to spend 10 percent of their food dollars on foods produced in North Carolina.

**Southeast Extension professionals experience Latino immersion in North Carolina**
No international borders were crossed, but a recent journey across cultures was an eye-opening and life-changing experience for a group of Extension professional. Extension educators from North Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and South Carolina took an eight-day plunge into Latino culture, immersing themselves in Latino culture here in North Carolina, March 19-27.

**Military youth participate in Wolfpack baseball game**
As N.C. State University’s baseball team took to the field against Wake Forest on Sunday, April 3, military youth and their families representing all branches of North Carolina’s military were on hand
to participate in the second annual Military Appreciation Day Baseball Game. Military youth attended
the game for free and ran out on the field with Wolfpack team members for the singing of the national
anthem.

**Seafood Lab to offer HACCP workshops in May**
The [N.C. State University Seafood Laboratory](https://www.ncsu.edu) at Morehead City’s Center for Marine Sciences and Technology will offer two workshops in May on HACCP food safety planning for the seafood industry: Basic Seafood HACCP, May 17-19; and Segment Two Training, May 19.

**Clark and Proctor honored at 4-H Lifetime Achievement event**
Dr. Jim Clark and Dr. Dalton Proctor were the top honorees as the North Carolina 4-H Lifetime Achievement Awards Celebration took place April 8 at the Embassy Suites Golf Resort & Spa in Concord. Clark, a North Carolina 4-H historian, received the 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award, and Proctor, former state 4-H program leader, was recognized for his recent induction into the National 4-H Hall of Fame.

**‘Almanac Gardener’ enters 28th season**
A new season of “[Almanac Gardener](https://www.unc-TV.org/almanacgardener)” starts April 9. Taking viewers through the finer points of garden planning, maintenance and blooming innovation, the UNC-TV show features Mike Gray and fellow experts from the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service in N.C. State University’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

**Wake Up! It’s Spring! children’s program launched at JCRA**
JC Raulston Arboretum’s “Wake Up! It’s Spring!” family program sprang to life March 26. That’s when N.C. State University’s renowned gardens welcomed children and their parents to the new educational event. More than 38 participants showed up on a chilly Saturday morning to learn about the natural world and explore plants, insects and the soil. The program, designed for children ages 5 to 9, was free and open to the public.

**Team recognized for helping farmers transition from methyl bromide**
A group of North Carolina State University faculty members has been recognized for helping farmers stay in business during the phase-out of a popular fumigant. The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences faculty members were recognized with a North Carolina State Grange Search for Excellence award. Jimmy Gentry, Grange president, presented the award April 14 at a joint meeting of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service Foundations boards in Raleigh.

**Resource Development Awards presented, new endowments celebrated at 2011 joint foundations spring event**
The awards, sponsored each year by the N.C. Agricultural Foundation Inc., recognized CALS faculty and student organizations for efforts in raising funds to benefit College programs, as well as volunteer, corporate/foundation and commodity organization support activities.

**NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE**

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The team was recognized for efforts over the last eight years to help North Carolina fruit and vegetable growers find alternatives to the pesticide methyl bromide.

Methyl bromide is a broad-use fumigant with ozone-depleting properties. The pesticide was scheduled to be phased out by Jan. 1, 2005, except for amounts allowed under critical use exemptions.

Growers did not have a pesticide to substitute for methyl bromide, which controlled diseases, weeds and nematodes. Without methyl bromide, many farmers feared they would lose the ability to efficiently grow their crops. Growers of strawberries, tomatoes, peppers, melons, cucumbers and squash were especially concerned, as methyl bromide was their primary method of pest control.

Because finding alternatives often involved trials over several seasons, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) allowed limited production and import of methyl bromide for growers to use after the 2005 phase-out date under critical use exemptions. Each year since 2005, the extension team applied for the exemptions on behalf of growers in North Carolina and other southeastern states based on the lack of technically or economically feasible alternatives to methyl bromide.

Comprised of plant pathologists, weed scientists, horticulturists, an agricultural economist, agricultural engineer and entomologist, the N.C. State team tested combinations of pest management strategies, both chemical and non-chemical. Because no direct substitute for methyl bromide was available, the team encouraged growers to practice integrated pest management and combine chemical and non-chemical techniques. Integrated pest management, or IPM, is a science-based system of pest management based on the biology of the pest or disease.

The team helped growers adopt new cropping methods. Some growers used a variety of different pest control methods. Other growers changed their cropping systems completely; some even transitioned to organic production.

Present at the ceremony were Dr. Katie Jennings, research assistant professor of horticultural science, Dr. Frank Louws, professor of plant pathology and director of the National Science Foundation Center for Integrated Pest Management; Dr. David Monks, assistant director of the N.C. Agricultural Research Service; Dr. Zvezdana Pesic-VanEsbroeck, director of N.C. State’s Micropropagation Unit; and Steve Toth, Integrated Pest Management coordinator. Also recognized were Dr. Gina Fernandez, associate professor of horticultural science; Dr. Garry Grabow, assistant professor of biological and agricultural engineering; Dr. Barclay Poling, professor of horticultural science, and Dr. Charles Safley, professor of agricultural and resource economics.

Team members delved into research of each pest, disease and weed that methyl bromide had controlled, filling in knowledge gaps in the industry. Fernandez focused on alternative farming systems. Grabow trained extension agents on irrigation technology. Jennings and Monks researched weed management. Pesic-VanEsbroeck provided plants for research. Louws investigated soil-borne pests and other diseases and conducted farming systems research. Toth managed the critical use exemption applications. Poling evaluated various fumigants and other planting systems in strawberries, and Safley provided information about the economics of different crop management approaches.
The N.C. State Grange Search for Excellence Awards promote and identify professional excellence within all facets of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service. There are five team awards and eight individual awards. The group received an award in the specialist category.

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For more information and photo of recipients go to: http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/ncars

**Plants for Human Health Institute website**
The new Plants for Human Health Institute website is now live. This reflects the decision during the white paper discussion at the end of 2010 to merge Plants for Human Health Institute and N.C. MarketReady. The new url is [http://plantsforhumanhealth.ncsu.edu](http://plantsforhumanhealth.ncsu.edu). The former phhi url and the n.c., marketready url redirect to this site.

You can find more information on the website, [http://plantsforhumanhealth.ncsu.edu](http://plantsforhumanhealth.ncsu.edu)

**Carolina Meat Conference**
The first Carolina Meat Conference was held March 25-27, 2011 in Concord, NC and it is intended to strengthen the region's rapidly growing local meat industry--the people, businesses and organizations involved in getting local meats to local markets. By bringing everyone in the local meat supply chain together--farmers, commercial processors, butchers, chefs, meat buyers, regulators, and numerous allied professionals, the intent was to facilitate new networks and partnerships; expand our collective skills in the lost art of butchery; increase awareness of regulatory, processing and marketing challenges; and identify opportunities for moving forward.

**OFFICE OF DIVERSITY**

**CAALS 3D High School Student Presents Research Poster**
On April 12, 2011, Malik Oliver, a Creating Awareness of Agriculture and Life Sciences Disciplines, Degree Programs and Discoveries (CAALS 3D) participant, mentored by Soil Science faculty member, Dr. Julie Grossman, presented a poster at the 20th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium held at NC State University. The topic of Mr. Oliver’s poster was "Improving organic agriculture by quantifying legume cover crop rhizobia soil populations." An abstract is available at [http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/symposia/public/2011_Spring/abstracts.cfm?details=1&mainID=1282](http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/symposia/public/2011_Spring/abstracts.cfm?details=1&mainID=1282). Over the past two summers, Mr. Oliver participated in the CAALS 3D program conducted by the CALS Diversity Council and the CALS Office of Diversity Affairs. Given the shortage of underrepresented minority students in CALS in general and the dismal numbers of those who are male; CAALS 3D targets male African-American, Hispanic/Latino and Native American NC School of Science and Math (NCSSM) students. In addition to the summer research experience, the CAALS 3D program encompasses a mentor guided research component that is a structured mentoring program in which select students who participated in CAALS 3D are paired with a faculty member on a one-on-one basis to work in his/her lab for the entire academic year. The Division of Undergraduate Academic Programs in a co-sponsor of the mentor guided research component of CAALS 3D. Dr. Grossman is to be highly commended for her work with Mr. Oliver over the course of this academic year. This experience is sure to have a lasting impact on his life and has given insight into agricultural research.
MAPS Wins Regional Award
The NC State University Chapter of the Minority Association of Pre-Health Students (MAPS) won Chapter of the Year for Region IV during the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) Conference in Indianapolis, IN on April 22, 2011. Dr. Lisa A. Guion, Assistant Dean for Diversity, Outreach and Engagement is the Faculty Advisor for MAPS at NC State. MAPS students are pre-medical members of SNMA. The SNMA is the nation's oldest and largest independent, student-run organization focused on the needs and concerns of medical students of color. Membership includes more than 8,000 medical students, pre-medical students, residents and practicing physicians. Established in 1964 by medical students from Howard University College of Medicine and Meharry Medical College, SNMA is dedicated both to ensuring culturally sensitive medical education and services, as well as increasing the number of African-American, Hispanic/Latino and other students of color entering and completing medical school. The MAPS Region IV includes all undergraduate institutional MAPS chapters in North Carolina (UNC-CH, Duke, Wake Forest, and ECU), South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, and the Caribbean.

CALS Student Interning in Entomology
Derick Jones, a sophomore majoring in biology, has been selected as an intern in Dr. Fred Gould’s Entomology Molecular Biology Lab. The position called for an outstanding undergraduate who would be responsible for, among other things: setting up PCR reactions, pouring and loading of acrylamide and agarose gels, DNA extraction, solution making, and general lab maintenance. The position is full-time this summer and will be part-time during the upcoming Fall and Spring. Derick was able to obtain the position based on his impressive resume that includes such honors as: making the Dean’s List each semester since joining NC State, being a North Carolina Scholar, being a member of the University Honors Program, the CALS Honors Program, and the National Honor Society. Derick is also very active in personal and professional development activities at NC State including membership in the Minority Association of Pre-Health Students (MAPS), as well as the Chair of Minority Men in Medicine of MAPS, the Spanish Club (President), the Health Occupation Students of America, the Pre-Health Club, and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

Visitation in Crop Science
From April 5th through April 7th 2011, CALS was able to host prospective PhD student Ronald Smith as a visitor to its Crop Science Department. Mr. Smith is a Tuskegee University graduate, who holds a Masters of Science in Plant and Soil Science, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Plant and Soil Science. In addition to his degrees, Mr. Smith is a member of Golden Key International Honor Society, Sigma Xi (Scientific Research Honor Society) and Gamma Sigma Delta (Honor Society of Agriculture). Mr. Smith has authored five articles that were published in the Journal of Environmental Monitoring and Restoration and the Caribbean Food Crops Society. Complimenting his five publications, Mr. Smith has conducted four conference proceedings and has made two national conference presentations. Mr. Smith has also compiled three conference abstracts. During his visit, Mr. Smith visited with several CALS Crop Science, Soil Science, and Horticultural Science faculty. Dr. Michelle Schroeder-Moreno and Dr. Lisa A. Guion provided leadership for coordination of the visit that also included sitting in on a graduate course, meeting with current graduate students, and a visit to the Center for Environmental Farming Systems.

Embrace Visitation Program
April 2nd 2011 was the kick off of the Embrace Visitation Program hosted by the NCSU Office of Undergraduate Admissions. The Embrace Visitation program is for African American, Native American, and Hispanic/Latino high school students who have been accepted for admission. Part of the program is dedicated to the students visiting their Colleges of choice. Thirty-one students and their families visited with CALS wherein Dr. Lisa A. Guion shared information on services such as
academic support, skill development and academic enrichment, personal development, pre-medicine and pre-health advising, career services, and counseling services. Dr. Guion also arranged for a panel of current CALS students to provide insight on courses, undergraduate research opportunities, and student life. The CALS student panel included Ms. Desire Outten-Berrios, Mr. Omar Acosta, Ms. Lupe Arce-Jimenez, and Mr. Derek Jones. The final session consisted of answering questions from the students and their families.

**Leveraging Support for CALS Graduate Students**

Dr. Lisa A. Guion worked with Dr. Alison Al-Baati of the NCSU Graduate School to identify a highly talented, academically gifted CALS Graduate Student with a solid research program to provide summer support through the Ladders Program for Graduate Students. The award for summer 2011 was granted to Ms. Rushyannah Rychelle Killens, a doctoral student in microbiology. Through Ladders, Ms. Killens will receive up to $8,000 in stipend support to conduct research for 10 weeks during the summer. The goal of Ms. Killens' doctoral research project is to genetically modify *Dunaliella*, a halophilic microalga, with enzymes from extremophiles to enhance the synthesis of fatty acids for fuel production. Her project is funded by the National Science Foundation’s Emerging Frontiers in Research and Innovation program and draws on the expertise of an interdisciplinary team of scientists from North Carolina State University including aerospace and chemical engineers, plant biologists, and microbiologists. In addition, Ms. Killens makes time to help the CALS Office of Diversity Affairs with undergraduate recruitment events that provide hands-on, experiential research lab experiences to middle and high school students during the summers. She also supports the CALS Office of Diversity Affairs by serving on graduate student panels during college student visitation programs for under-represented undergraduate students to learn about CALS graduate degree programs. For the 2011-2012 academic year, MS. Killens will be working on a project with Dr. Guion.

**GLBT Center Lavender Graduation Ceremony**

Lavender Graduation, which will be held on May 12, 2011 at 3:30 pm in SAS Hall Auditorium (2203), is a cultural celebration at NC State University that recognizes and acknowledges Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) and involved ally students for their achievements and contributions to the university as students who have survived the college experience. Lavender Graduation is an annual event held in the spring to which GLBT and ally students look forward, where they not only share their hopes and dreams with one another, but where they are officially recognized by the institution for their leadership, successes, and achievements. Most GLBT students have many opportunities to experience the culture of their racial, ethnic, national, or religious backgrounds, but rarely experience a university-supported event directly associated with celebrating their lives as GLBT people, more specifically as students. The GLBT Center encourages all members of the campus and local community to attend the event to help celebrate our students. For some students they are not able to include their family in this event, so the GLBT Center tries to make sure there are faculty, staff, and members of the local community in attendance for them.

**May’s National Observances are:**

- Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month
- Jewish-American Heritage Month
- National Better Hearing and Speech Month
- National Mental Health Month
- National Older Americans Month
- Women's Health Care Month
**COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT**

**Save the Dates:**
The NC Tobacco Foundation will be hosting the 2011 US Tobacco Forum **June 23-24, 2011** at Sheraton Imperial Hotel. For more information and to register, please go to: [www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/Tobacco_Forum](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/Tobacco_Forum) Contact Kathy Kennel with questions at kathy_kennel@ncsu.edu OR 919-515-9259.

Mark your calendars for tailgate! The date has been set for **September 17, 2011** at Dorton Arena. More information will be available soon.

The CALS 2011 Donor Event will be held at the McKimmon Center on **November 6, 2011**. More information to follow.

**Gift Planning:** If you would like to add a section in your print, electronic or any other written piece regarding gift planning, contact Sonia Murphy (513-0637 sonia_murphy@ncsu.edu). Sonia can draft a short piece making your alumni and friends aware of how they can support your programs through a bequest, gift of retirement plans, trusts, etc.

**CALS Secure Online Giving:** You may support any area of the College and join or renew your Arboretum membership online using our secure website. Visit [http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/givenow](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/givenow) for safe, convenient online giving! Contact chris_wessel@ncsu.edu for information on linking to online giving for your programs.

**Got Gifts-In-Kind?** If not, think about this: In tough economic times, we have to adapt and become more entrepreneurial as we try to find support for our programs. Often, companies and individuals are able to continue donating equipment, materials and supplies, even if they must cut their cash contributions. If you receive any non-cash gifts, please complete the form BA-151 ([http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/ba151.doc](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/ba151.doc)) and forward to chris_wessel@ncsu.edu. We will make sure your donors are sent University receipts and acknowledgment letters showing how important their support is to CALS. If you have any questions about non-cash gifts, please call Chris at 919.515.7678.

**CALS Gift Legacy Web Site:** In an effort to better serve faculty and staff with helpful information, we have created a comprehensive gift planning Web site. We have an increasing number of friends of the College who now are benefitting from life income gifts, gift annuities and other charitable vehicles. Thank you for taking the time to explore the benefits of gift planning at [http://www.legacy.vg/ncsucals](http://www.legacy.vg/ncsucals).

**CASSADAGA SAVANTS,** book two in the murder mystery series by Dr. George T. Barthalmus, has arrived! The sequel to REVENGE THROUGH ME, again with all profits going to the George and Marina Barthalmus Life Sciences Scholarship Endowment, is now available. If you wish, Dr. B. will sign your copy! Order one or both books online, [http://www.alumni.ncsu.edu/BarthalmusNovels](http://www.alumni.ncsu.edu/BarthalmusNovels).

**Now Showing:** Advancement workshops, featuring CALS development and alumni relations professionals and tailored to your department's needs. These workshops will begin with a 30-45 minute overview of Advancement, especially basic steps in relationship-building and fundraising, and can be followed up with more in-depth small-group sessions (either directly after the overview or on separately-scheduled dates).
Please email the date/time you would like us to visit and begin our workshops with your department. If you’d like us to come to a scheduled faculty meeting, it might be helpful if we are added to the end of your agenda, so that those faculty interested in Advancement (fundraising and alumni/donor relations) may remain for our workshop.

Thank you for involving us! Questions? Just call Chris Wessel at 5-7678 or email chris_wessel@ncsu.edu.

**CALS Chronicle Enewsletter:** The official enewsletter of CALS Alumni and Friends Society is sent quarterly. Please send your announcements, departmental events, and updates for the next issue to calsalum@ncsu.edu. If you wish to subscribe to the enewsletter, email calsalum@ncsu.edu.

**Employee Retiree List:** We need your help! We request that all departments and county offices please continue to send us your updated retiree lists with all contact information available. When employees – faculty and staff – retire, just send Scott Troutman (scott_troutman@ncsu.edu) a quick email letting him know so that he can add them to our list.

**Advancement Advantage Guide to Services:** College Advancement continues to update our Advancement Advantage Guide to Services online. This information is designed to educate CALS faculty, staff and administrators about the resources available through these divisions. By doing so, we hope to expand access to our services, and increase support of and service to departments and college-wide initiatives. To access this information, just click on: http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/resource_guide.htm

**CALS PERSONNEL**

**2011 State Health Plan Open Enrollment DELAYED**

The State Health Plan (SHP) officials have decided to delay Annual Enrollment in consideration of pending legislation and the proposed repeal of the Comprehensive Wellness Initiatives [removal of the requirement that employees and dependents attest that they are non tobacco users and that their Body Mass Index (BMI) meets certain criteria] included in both Senate Bills 265 and 323.

While Annual Enrollment cannot be delayed beyond July 1, 2011, the SHP is now saying they will try to wait until legislation is finalized before moving forward. The NCSU Benefits Office will continue to monitor the progress of the legislation [mentioned above] very closely and will provide information as soon as updates become available.

**New Campus Employees - Staff**

Ryan Cummings, Administrative Support Associate, 4-H Youth Development and Family and Consumer Sciences  
Murray Luker, Extension Assistant, 4-H Youth Development and Family and Consumer Sciences  
David Horgan, Extension Associate, 4-H Youth Development and Family and Consumer Sciences  
Sridevi Azhakanandam, Research Technician, Entomology  
Carl Piraneo, College Advancement  
Sheila Bhattacharya, Research Associate, Horticultural Science  
Camille Brescacin, Research Assistant, Center for Integrated Pest Management  
Lorie Solomon, Research Technician, Plants for Health and Human Institute in Kannapolis  
Yongsan Zeng, Visiting Scholar, Plant Pathology
New County Employees

New Hires
Angie Lawrence, Program Assistant, Brunswick County
Brenda Gwynn, Assistant Extension Agent, Lee County
Sarah Harrelson, Assistant Extension Agent, Pamlico County
Felicia Jones, Program Assistant, Wake County

Promotion/Transfer
Al Cochran, CED, Martin County

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